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ROYCE BRIER

New Target Objectives Mapped for Nuclear War

Immediately on taking office, General Maxwell Taylor, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, came out for a "no cities" strategy in case of nuclear war. The target would be military forces and installations. In the Pentagon, this strategy is known as Counterforce. It has been fretting high military circles for several years, though little of the dispute has reached the public. Some years ago General Taylor, as Army chief of staff, opposed Counterforce. He explained his switch the other day by saying that at that time he knew little of Soviet targets, and intelli-

gence has now mended that lack. Most opposition to Counterforce, however, turns on our obvious ignorance of Soviet military planning. Naturally, a lay examination of such high-level matters must be discounted, but there is no rule one cannot take note of military experience, or that the people may not take note of it. The obvious dependence of Counterforce in enemy strategy is a case in point. The experience in modern war is that a belligerent will endeavor to match the enemy in strategic method, even though originally averse to that method.

The great cities of the great powers remain today, as they were in the last war, the chief instruments of military power. Take a limited case: immediately after Pearl Harbor the prime target of the Japanese was the San Francisco dock system. They never made it. But over these docks in the ensuing war years passed a major portion of the supplies which ultimately defeated Japan.

There can be no merit of course in an isolated installation which may not even be military. A general told the writer the prime German target in North America was the Sault Sainte Marie lock. Why? To halt the flow of Minnesota iron ore to Eastern steel mills. But this was at best a slow way to win a war, and hardly relates to nuclear war. Unhappily, isolated targets like the Soo are rare, though some might appear in missile bases. But such cities as New York, Detroit, Pittsburgh, London, Hamburg and Moscow are keys to military industry. The dispersion of industry in Russia and the United States does not rob the great city of primacy. And once you fix on a great-city industry as target, it cannot be separated from the from the community. It may be doubted if our Civil War, where only the soldiers died, can be brought back.

Mailbox

The People Are 'Way Ahead on Cuba News

Editor, Torrance Herald
For three days, every major newscast on every network has broadcast the obvious news—that a minimum of one ship every day arrives in Cuba laden with military supplies from Russia. If the common news-media knows and reports this, what ought our "intelligence" agencies know? How in Heaven's name do the windbags who supposedly lead this country expect to defend and champion liberty and freedom in our own land, to say nothing of Berlin or when our men die in Viet

Nam, when we will not move to protect ourselves from the enemy's fast growing fortress 90 miles from our own shores? Tally, talk, talk, talk...!!! No guts, but plenty of wind! How devastating it would be if our President would direct some of his vitriolic campaign oratory against our real enemies, within and without.
ROBERT W. DEMERS

James Dorais

Man's Battle With Bug World Stirs Controversy

(Second in a two-part series)
Rachel Carson, the best-selling author and biologist whose new book, "Silent Spring," paints a dire picture of the effects of widespread use of pesticides and insecticides, has created a controversy that threatens to become as lively as what to do about Cuba. "Silent Spring" contends that the use of chemical sprays to kill house flies, Japanese beetles, boll weevils, aphids, mosquitoes and other pests upsets the age-old balance of nature and thus does more harm than good. The author presents a very convincing case, replete with examples of birds and mammals killed off in the effort to save trees and crops from insects, and speculation that the same poisons that are effective on pests may eventually prove harmful to humans.

They include most responsible experts in the fields of public health and entomology—believe that her examples are grossly exaggerated. And they contend that her basic premise is that man is suddenly upsetting nature's balance in his battle with the insect world is totally unsound. The balance of nature was upset long years ago when man became the dominant creature of the earth and found the power to change and control his environment. As he built cities, domesticated animals and planted crops, many lesser species disappeared from the scene. Others, most of them insects, multiplied like mad, feasting on the luscious fields that man provided for them.

Miss Carson charges: "Each insecticide is used for the simple reason that it is a deadly poison. It therefore poisons all life with which it comes in contact." A ny housewife who has sprayed

AFTER HOURS By John Morley

United Nations Remains A Hope for World Peace

UNITED NATIONS, NEW YORK CITY—No matter how often one visits the United Nations headquarters in New York, he is impressed with the whole physical and architectural layout. With the backdrop of the East river, it occupies an 18 acre, six-block tract, between 42nd and 48th streets on First Avenue.

There are four main units... the General Assembly, Secretariat, Conference and the Dag Hammarskjold library. Throughout all the units beautiful works of art in marble, wood, bronze, tapestry, etc. adorn the surroundings, the gifts of UN members.

Switzerland is the only old-existing nation which is not a member of the UN. Her constitution does not permit Swiss troops to be sent abroad... and the UN Charter specifies that member nations do just that in an emergency. So the Swiss say... although there are political reasons.

The two Germans... two Koreans... two Vietnams are also outside of the UN, because the charter specifies that a nation must be united before applying for membership.

The official languages at the UN are English, French, Russian, Chinese and Spanish... but the working languages are only English and French.

There are now 110 nations in the UN with probably three more to be added before 1963. The former ambassador of Burma, U Thant, is presently acting-secretary general, filling until April, 1963, the unexpired term of the late Dag Hammarskjold, killed in the Congo.

The five permanent members of the Security Council... United States, Britain, France, Russia, China... have the most powerful voice with the UN. They must unanimously agree to policy questions, a majority on more simple issues.

The General Assembly cannot over-rule the Security Council on any issue. It can only recommend in case of emergency.

The Security Council is on a year-around 24-hour call and all members must reside in the New York area... while the General Assembly normally holds one three-month session a year.

The UN played an important but not effective part in

Quote

"We don't know who figured out the \$600 tax exemption for a wife—but it sure must have been a bachelor."—L. D. George, Cumberland (Wis.) Advocate.

the 1956-57 crisis in Hungary. It did expose the deception of communism, but proved helpless to punish it.

It did better in the Suez Canal attack in 1956... in Lebanon in 1958... in the Congo in 1960.

It did frustrate at least the takeover in Korea in 1950. That it did not go far enough was our eye-witness report to our readers direct from the war between 1950 and 1953.

The UN is bankrupt financially, not due to the non-payment of dues which are paid up to date, but by the refusal of some two-thirds of the member nations to pay their obligations in the Congo and Near East interventions.

These have put the UN some \$175 million in the

hole. Already \$70 million has been subscribed toward the purchase of the recently floated UN bonds, and with the U.S. commitment approved by Congress up to \$100 million, it appears that at least temporarily a serious hurdle has been eliminated.

One of the major organs of the UN, the International Court of Justice (World court) in the Hague, Netherlands, recently adjudicated the question of financial contributions to General Assembly-approved programs, like the Congo, Algiers, etc.

It decided that all member nations are bound to support them. But the court has no power of enforcement... and there lies one of the major weaknesses of the entire organization.

Our Man Hoppe

And, Now, a Word From Our Sponsor

Art Hoppe

Hats off today to NBC-TV for a breakthrough in the Berlin crisis. As you may know, NBC reportedly helped 59 refugees escape by financing a 400-foot tunnel under the Berlin Wall in a blow for freedom everywhere. And in return the film rights.

Thus far, NBC has modestly declined to confirm or deny its generosity. It's merely working, away quietly on a 90-minute network special entitled "The Tunnel." I'm sure it will be a great TV drama. In living color. But think of the production problems involved:

"Okay, camera three, dolly in on the manhole cover. It should be opening any minute. Hold it. I'm getting a glare off it. Ed, put a little more slime on it. Who's got the slime? That's it. Now move those floodlights in a little, Jack. No, not that bank, the other one. That's got it."

"Everybody ready? Good. Now where's the refugees? Why's everybody always late on the set? You spend 50 Gs for spade work and the cast thinks it can dawdle... Hold it! It's opening. Quiet, everybody."

"Who's first out? An old man? That's not so hot. Shove him back down, Al, and tell them to send up a little old lady, a careworn one. That's it. Oh, she's great. Take her in tight. Camera four. Great stuff. Paar will flip. Okay, George, pick up her very first words as she emerges from the NBC tunnel into free West Berlin. She says it's dirty down there? What's she expect, monoral? Never mind, we can always dub it."

"Where's the little girl with the food package and the flag? Pan over to her, camera two. Okay, and sh esays, "Welcome to freedom." Come on, little girl, come on. Give her a poke, George. That's it... Audio, you got her mike closed! Open her mike. You're cutting off her head, camera two. Now I'm getting the mike boom at the top of the picture. Raise the boom. At 50 Gs this has got to look authentic. Good. Now sneak in the recording of America the Beautiful. Da-dee-dadadada... YOU GOT IT ON THE WRONG SPEED! Okay, pan back to the manhole..."

"All 59 out? Good. Cut. We'll fade to another commercial here. Everybody did great, especially you refugees. I know you had a long crawl to get here, ha, ha, and I know it's late. So if you'll just pop back in the tunnel and hustle back to the other end, we'll make this next runthrough real quick."

But, as I started to say, the NBC tunnel is a tremendous breakthrough. It will be followed, in the nature of things, by the CBS tunnel and the ABC tunnel. Soon, we will have a tunnel for every news media, including the small-bore Peoria Weekly Clarion tunnel open only on the Tuesdays before deadlines. Eventually, of course, the badly undermined Berlin Wall will collapse. If East Germany doesn't run out of refugees first.

Some may question placing the freedom of man on a commercial basis. Not I. I always figured if we could devote to the dignity of man half the energy we use to make money, we'd have it licked. Only I never figured on combining the two.

So with NBC pointing the way we can all look forward to a brave new future. It's kind of like the Emancipation Proclamation. With commercials.

Morning Report:

It surely is mighty nice of President Kennedy to run all over th ecountry asking voters to elect Democratic congressmen. When you stop to think what they did to him during the last session.

It would only be human if he blessed the day they adjourned and hoped they never came back to Washington. Not even for a short visit to have a look at the cherry blossoms.

At least, nobody is going to call this Congress a "rubber-stamp" Congress. More like a meatgrinder. But I guess Jack figures the next one could be even worse—all Republicans.

For Vincent Thomas

Among the many names to appear on the Nov. 6 general election ballot will be one that is familiar to a large number of Torrance voters of both major political parties.

He is Assemblyman Vincent Thomas, representative of the 68th District in the California Legislature since 1940, now seeking re-election to that post.

There can be little argument that Mr. Thomas has represented this district well during his 22-year tenure in Sacramento. He has served on important state committees, has fought (with credible success) for matters of specific importance to the Torrance-Harbor area, and has won the respect of large segments of the population he represents.

Commercial fishermen, sportsmen, city officials, and users of the area's highways have reason to be grateful for the outstanding abilities of Mr. Thomas in this post.

The HERALD has consistently endorsed the election bids of Assemblyman Vincent Thomas and we are pleased to add a vigorous voice of approval for his re-election in November.

A Vote for Schools

Proposition 1-A on the November ballot, a measure to authorize \$270 million in bonds to finance educational facilities, has considerable interest to parents of the Southwest area of Los Angeles County and particularly those in the Greater Torrance area.

Funds to be provided by this measure, if approved, will finance the first facilities of the new South Bay State College, the area's first four-year college, which is scheduled to open classes in the fall of 1964.

State Proposition 1-A would set up \$100,667,000 for California state college including the projected local college, in addition to providing funds for the University of California, and lesser amounts for the Department of Youth Authority, Department of Corrections, and related agencies.

The proposal has received near unanimous endorsement of political, business, and educational leaders of the state, including the endorsement of both candidates for governor.

With Torrance and its neighboring communities turning out high school graduates at a rate faster than colleges can accommodate them, the need for a four-year college to serve this area is pressing.

Funds from the state bond issue are needed to prepare the site and get the facilities ready for the first classes.

The HERALD approves of the measure as it appears on the November ballot and recommends a "Yes" vote on the first proposition, No. 1-A.

More Supervisors? No!

Near the bottom of a long list of ballot proposals offered to voters at next November's general election will be a county proposal (Proposition D) to increase the membership on the Board of Supervisors from five to seven.

Proponents of the measure have described the move as a means of providing more representation to residents of the county, saying the cost was a mere "drop in the bucket" on the county's annual budget.

We believe that such a disclaimer is misleading—to put it mildly.

In the first place, there has been shown no need for more supervisors. And for the costs which are going to be involved, the need would have to be apparent to one and all—not apparent to just a select group of ringmakers.

More vital, however, is the increased cost of county government such an increase would entail.

In addition to the stipends for the office, the expansion would force additions to the plush office complex downtown; would bring about increases in deputies, secretaries, postage, telephone, travel, and branch office rentals. It has been estimated that the initial cost could be half a million dollars, with a like sum obligated for expenses every year.

Until the need for more supervisors is shown, Vote NO.

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Long Hard Pull

Editor, Torrance Herald
Kindly accept my personal thanks for the fine editorial you printed recently. I have searched, in vain, for a copy of your paper... (it was read to me by a friend). Would you please send me two copies for my file. I happen to be one of those women that men refer to as "stubborn"... once I start a fight, I won't give up until I win! Having started this one on the Stamp Out Smut in the City of Torrance, four weeks ago, I find it truly is a fight! It is very heart-warming to have your paper be on our side. Any coverage you could give "over the long hard pull" will be appreciated.
MRS. CLEORA JORDAN

Asks Open Forum

Editor, Torrance Herald
In the interest of better government, I urge you in your paper to ask Cecil King to answer the people of the 17th Congressional District at an open forum. Other Congressmen do this, so why won't ours?
JOHN MARLOWE
Torrance

Miss Carson's critics — and